

ANSWER KEY

LearnUp PSLE English Practice Paper 2 — Bronze

Sample answers and marking notes. For open-ended questions, accept any answer that is clearly supported by the passage and expressed correctly.

Booklet A - MCQ answers (Q1–Q25)

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5
(2)	(3)	(3)	(1)	(3)
Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
(3)	(2)	(3)	(2)	(2)
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15
(2)	(2)	(3)	(2)	(2)
Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(3)
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25
(3)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(1)

Section 5 - Grammar Cloze (Q26–Q35)

Q26	(B) to	Q31	(D) as
Q27	(C) when	Q32	(F) of
Q28	(G) who	Q33	(E) on
Q29	(H) that	Q34	(J) but
Q30	(A) in	Q35	(K) which

Section 6 - Editing for Spelling and Grammar (Q36–Q45)

Q36	arranges → arranged	(grammar)	Q41	tell → told	(grammar)
Q37	on → in	(grammar)	Q42	recomend → recommend	(spelling)
Q38	smile → smiled	(grammar)	Q43	mony → many	(spelling)
Q39	fasinated → fascinated	(spelling)	Q44	plesed → pleased	(spelling)
Q40	assure → assured	(grammar)	Q45	anounsed → announced	(spelling)

Section 7 - Comprehension Cloze (Q46–Q60)

Q46	to	Q51	to	Q56	time
Q47	Although	Q52	the	Q57	to
Q48	while	Q53	strict	Q58	moved
Q49	than	Q54	though	Q59	tightly
Q50	Whenever	Q55	be	Q60	could

Section 8 - Synthesis & Transformation (Q61–Q65) — sample answers

- Q61. A delicious meal was prepared by the chef for the guests yesterday.
- Q62. Mei Ling told her sister that she would help her with her homework after dinner.
- Q63. Because of the very wet field, the relay race was delayed.
- Q64. Despite feeling tired, Aaron continued running to the finish line.
- Q65. None of the other boys in Yu Wen's team runs as fast as he does.

Section 9 - Comprehension Open-Ended (Q66–Q75) — model answers

Q66. [1]

Because he was usually one of the slowest runners in his class, and often came in last or second-to-last in the weekly fitness tests.

Q67. [2]

“a strange knot in his stomach”. Aaron felt this way because he did not believe he was good enough to be the anchor runner, and was worried that he would let his team down.

Q68. [2]

Coach Chua means that Aaron has a special quality — perseverance, or refusing to give up — that the faster runners on the team do not all share. Even though Aaron is not the fastest, his determination is what makes him the right choice for the anchor.

Q69. [3]

(a) Aaron's belief that he is the slowest runner in the class. (b) “If Coach has chosen you, he sees something. Trust him a little. And trust yourself a little more.” (c) the bronze medal that Aaron had won.

Q70. [1]

Order: 2, 1, 3. Coach Chua first told Aaron of the decision (1), then Aaron made the promise to himself (2), and on Sports Day Justin's foot slipped (3).

Q71. [3]

(a) False — Aaron felt proud, not disappointed: his bronze medal ‘felt heavier than gold’, and his teammates hugged him in celebration. (b) False — Justin slipped on a damp patch of grass and was in tears about it; it was an accident, not a deliberate act. (c) True — she told Aaron, ‘If Coach has chosen you, he sees something. Trust him a little. And trust yourself a little more.’

Q72. [2]

He pushed off anyway, even though his legs felt heavy, because ‘something inside him caught fire’. He did not look at the crowd or the finish line — he focused only on the ground three metres ahead. By focusing on one short step at a time, he was able to keep moving forward.

Q73. [2]

(a) Aaron's mother smiled, set down the bowl she was carrying, and patted the seat beside her at the table — she did this because she wanted to comfort Aaron and reassure him that Coach had chosen him for a reason. (b) Bryan shook his head and mocked Aaron, saying his team would come in last because of him — he did this because he did not believe Aaron was capable of being the anchor.

Q74. [2]

Correct: (2) He had watched Aaron throughout the school year. (3) He told Aaron that finishing the race mattered more than winning it.

Q75. [2]

Aaron learnt that effort, perseverance and finishing what you have started are more important than being the fastest or winning first place. He realised that he could trust himself to keep going even when things looked hopeless, and that this kind of inner strength is something to be proud of.

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